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TWO ROBBERIES PULLED OFF WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Newberry's Hardware Store and Golden Rule Store Entered—Merchandise Taken by Burglars

Revolvers valued at \$150, numbering about a dozen, were taken by two burglars from the C. A. Newberry Hardware Store at forty-five minutes after eleven o'clock Wednesday night. The robbers might have secured more had they not been discovered by George A. Hills, custodian at the Eagles club, directly across the alley from the store.

Mr. Hills had retired for the night, sleeping on the second floor of the building. He heard the crash of the glass in the back door of the Newberry building as the burglars struck it with an iron pipe. He did not have a gun and there was no window near. Raising a front window he called to a young man and woman who were passing within twenty feet of the broken door. "Call the police, they are robbing Newberry's store."

The young couple ran to the home of Ida M. Ross, next to the Eagles, and phoned the Burlington depot, where Chief Jeffers had gone to meet the incoming trains as his nightly custom. In the meantime the robbers, one of whom had stayed outside, standing under the stairway of the Eagles building, became scared. The one in the building jumped out and the two ran north up the alley, turning west and then south, going to the railroad yards. Chief Jeffers arrived in a short time with a Herald reporter. They made a thorough search of the west and south part of town but were unable to locate the robbers, who had either gone to a house or had hid themselves in a freight car. All outgoing trains were watched during the night and it is probable that the robbers are still in town. The police have a complete description of the revolvers secured.

Some time during the night, probably just before the Newberry robbery, a rear window in the Golden Rule store was broken and entry made into the store through it. The burglar or burglars secured two heavy sheep-skin coats and other clothing—just what is not known. Inasmuch as Mr. Hill describes one of the Newberry robbers as wearing a brown overcoat which came nearly to his knees, it is undoubtedly a fact that the Golden Rule was robbed first. The robbers took down the bar holding the back door from the inside and left in that manner, leaving the door open, at the Golden Rule.

SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

In his last effort to secure enough votes to put him "over", the Republican candidate for state representative from the 73rd district, W. R. Harper, with his political backers, has been endeavoring to ride into victory on the "wet and dry" issue. The following telegram was received by me at 4 o'clock this afternoon:

Gordon, Nebr., Oct. 26, 1916. Lloyd Thomas, Alliance, Nebr. Harper here, circulating lies endeavoring to get dry votes. Says saloons supporting you. Signed Scott. The Republican candidate, Mr. Harper, who is reported on good authority to have said before the primaries, when asked his attitude towards the dry amendment, "I prefer not to take any stand on this question as I might not get nominated," is endeavoring to persuade voters that we are against the "dry" amendment because of the fact that we, as a Democrat, are supporting the Democratic ticket. We are personally in favor of the amendment. If elected, we expect to abide by the decision of the voters of the state on the dry amendment in our actions in the legislature.

In order that all concerned may know our attitude towards the amendment, we publish the following copy of a letter written by me on February 28, 1916, about the time the Republican candidate was expressing himself as above:

"Alliance, Nebr., Feb. 28, 1916. Mr. Archie Gregory, Secretary, Box Butte County Dry Federation, Alliance, Nebraska. Dear Mr. Gregory: I am in receipt of your letter of inquiry of the 26th and in reply am pleased to state that I am in favor of the proposed prohibitory amendment and that I expect to vote for the same at the election." Signed, "Lloyd C. Thomas."

I am not endeavoring to ride into office on the wet and dry issue or any other issue, but on my reputation and ability as a citizen of this district who will represent the district in a satisfactory manner. Lloyd C. Thomas

NINE INCHES OF SNOW HERE THE PAST WEEK

F. W. Hicks, official government weather observer, gives the following report for the week ending Wednesday, October 25th:

Table with 4 columns: Date, Max, Min, Snow. Rows for Oct 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.

The past week has seen a wide variety of weather from cold weather with snow to bright sunshine with considerable warmth.

THIEF SLIPPED HIS PAL THE DOUBLE CROSS

Robber Beat It Out of Store in Dark—Gives Pal Worthless Coins—Hops Train out of Town

Claiming that a pal he met in Billings, Mont., three weeks ago and ran across again at the depot in Alliance induced him to aid in the breaking and entering of the Silver Cash Store, 115 Box Butte avenue, about 7 o'clock Sunday evening, a young man giving the name of William Smith plead guilty before County Judge Berry Tuesday to the charge of burglary.

Smith, in talking to a Herald reporter, said, "I guess there is nothing for me to do but plead guilty, for they got me with the goods." He says he had not been in town long and was broke. He met his old pal and asked him for the price of a feed. The pal said, "Come with me and I'll show you how to get a meal." They went down the alley and stopped at the rear of the Silver Cash Store. According to Smith, the pal broke the transom and entered, and he followed. The pal promptly investigated the cash drawer while Smith helped himself to a pair of shoes and a pair of over-shoes.

They had been there some minutes when Louis Karos, who is employed at the store, entered. The robbers immediately made their getaway. Karos heard a noise at the rear of the building and waited until the noise was repeated. He then left the building, locked the front door with the intention of going to the alley to watch the robbers. The intruders disappeared in short order.

Shortly afterwards Tom Stalos, the owner, arrived from the country. Officer Wheeler was notified and the search was on. Sheriff Cal Cox, Chief Jeffers and Officer Wheeler immediately started the search. Officer Wheeler discovered Smith in a box car on the Burlington siding, about 11:30. Smith was wearing the shoes and over-shoes, having left a pair of long leather boots in the store.

According to Smith, his partner got out of town on a fruit train east bound about 8 o'clock. After the stunt had been pulled and it was time to divide, the pal handed Smith what he thought was cash. It was dark, and later on investigating, Smith discovered the pal had given him fourteen old coins and a little change, keeping the balance for himself. Fifty-six cents was all the money found on Smith. There is an example of honesty among thieves. The pal, it is estimated, got in the neighborhood of \$5 or \$6. Smith, having plead guilty, has been bound over to the district court and will receive his sentence when court convenes the last of November.

CURTAINS CAUGHT FIRE FROM OIL STOVE

Blaze Quickly Spread Until Office of Dr. Jeffrey Was Mass of Flame—Chemicals of Great Help

An oil stove left burning in the office of Dr. Joseph Jeffrey, up stairs over the Wilson Brothers building at 208 Box Butte avenue, was responsible for a fire which occurred there early Sunday afternoon. Dr. Jeffrey had left the stove burning in his office and in some way the curtains caught fire. The fire spread quickly but was not discovered until the heat broke out the front windows and the flames poured out. The alarm was turned in about 1:30 o'clock.

The fire department was on the job in short order after the alarm had been turned in, and the fire extinguished with the aid of the chemical engine. The loss to the building, according to Mr. Wilson, is about \$100. This does not include the loss to Dr. Jeffrey of his furniture, fixtures and other effects, which were not insured.

Eastern Capitalists Here Dr. H. H. Reinhold, Wm. H. Schmoller and Wm. Osterberg, of Omaha, were in the city last week accompanied by Mr. Oscar Melrowsky of New York City. The former three gentlemen are Omaha capitalists and are heavily interested in the Potash Products Company at Hoffman. Mr. Melrowsky was representing New York capitalists who are interested with him in sugar factories. They went from Alliance to Bridgeport, where they are considering the establishment of a sugar factory.

MOLLRING TO HOLD GREAT SHELF CLEARING SALE

Progressive Local Merchant Now in East Buying Holiday, Mid-winter and Spring Merchandise

George A. Mollring, Alliance's progressive merchant, left for Chicago and other eastern points Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mollring.

Mr. Mollring is in the east on an extended buying trip for his store here. He will make purchases in the great wholesale centers in anticipation of the needs of the local holiday trade and will also place his orders for the new mid-winter and spring merchandise which is now being offered by the manufacturers. By buying now, Mr. Mollring is afforded the cream of all new offerings and will be enabled to offer the buying public of western Nebraska the very latest and smartest in ladies', misses' and children's wearing apparel.

It is expected that quantities of the new merchandise will begin to arrive in Alliance within the course of a very few days and in anticipation of these large shipments the Mollring store announces a great shelf-clearing sale. The store is crowded right now with an array of merchandise that any may well be proud of, but the new merchandise is soon to arrive and it must be taken care of and displayed for the people of Alliance and Box Butte county want not only to see the very latest but to buy it.

Elsewhere in this issue there appears a two-page advertisement for Mr. Mollring, announcing great price reductions in all lines and every buyer will do well to investigate and seriously consider the offerings made.

LAND NEAR ALLIANCE SELLS FOR \$41 PER ACRE

"Bill" Becker Sells Land that Brought Him more than \$100 an Acre in Potatoes

"Bill" (Ernest) Becker has sold his 100-acre farm, two and a half miles east of Alliance, to Orie N. Bryant of New Virginia, Iowa, the consideration being \$41 per acre or a total of \$4,100. This is an exceptionally good price for land here but is reasonable when it is considered that last year Mr. Becker averaged \$84 an acre from potatoes and this year will average better than \$100 per acre from the same crop.

Mr. Becker moved from Alliance to the farm two years ago, selling his business here. He will move into town at least for the winter and may go on a farm again in the spring.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY PIONEER DIED AT BUCHANA, ILLINOIS

Mrs. J. W. Buchanan, one of Box Butte county's pioneer settlers and who left Alliance some twenty-six years ago died at her home at Aurora, Illinois, Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. The deceased was 79 years old on October 5th.

Saturday her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Hamilton, received a message telling of the critical illness of her mother and she in company with her daughter Bessie, left immediately for Aurora but reached there too late to see her mother alive.

ASK FARMERS IF MARKET NEWS IS OF VALUE TO THEM

To assist the United States Department of Agriculture in determining the value of the market news service maintained at Alliance by the Federal Office of Markets during the season when the potato crop is being dug and sold, to determine its value to the public and to guide them in rendering future service, the department asks that all potato growers answer the following questions and mail them to A. E. Prough at the court house in Alliance. Mr. Prough is the federal representative in charge of the local office:

- 1. What benefit have you derived from the reports received this season?
2. Were the reports you received seen by other firms or individuals?
3. How could these reports be improved?
4. Did the reports arrive regularly and without delay?
5. On what commodities do you desire reports next year?

WARR VISITS WEST

W. J. Warr, of Chicago, trustee of the estate of L. Z. Leiter, stopped over in Alliance Tuesday for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas. Mr. Warr was on an annual trip of inspection which he makes looking after ranching and farming properties of the Estate at Clermont and Lingle, Wyo., and other western points. He left for Chicago Wednesday night.

HEMINGFORD VOTERS OUT

Democratic Pow Wow Held Saturday Night Attended by over 250—Candidates make Talks

The days of the good old political rally are not past by any means as was demonstrated at Hemingford Saturday night when more than 250 Box Butte county voters, and in a number of instances their wives, turned out to attend the Democratic rally. The crowd occupied practically every seat on the first floor of the opera house, while a goodly number were compelled to seek seats in the balcony.

Harry Gantz, president of the Wilson-Marshall Club of Alliance, member of the Democratic County Central Committee and member of the state committee, was billed to deliver the address of the evening. He talked on the issues of the campaign. Following Mr. Gantz, addresses and talks were made by a number of the candidates.

John G. Lewis was in attendance and talked on the rural credits bill. His talk was straight from the shoulder and left his hearers with a better understanding of what democracy has done for the people of western Nebraska.

John Manion, candidate for county clerk, gave a short talk in which he stated his qualifications and asked for the support of the voters.

County Superintendent Opal Russell in a few well-chosen words told those assembled that if re-elected she felt she could do more for Box Butte county in the next two years than during the past two years because of the fact that she was now thoroughly familiar with the office and would not be handicapped by the trouble in getting acquainted with its workings.

Lloyd Thomas, candidate for state representative from the 73rd district, comprising Box Butte and Sheridan counties, pledged himself, if elected, to work for the interests of his district and western Nebraska and to do all in his power to further the interests of Box Butte and Sheridan counties.

Judge L. A. Berry, non-partisan candidate for re-election as county judge, was in attendance and talked on the issues in his campaign. Figuratively speaking, he took the bull by the horns and defied his opposition to make good certain statements made against him in the present campaign. He talked with force and all who heard him felt a firm conviction that he knew what he was talking about.

Anton Uhrig, of Hemingford, candidate for commissioner, was called upon and made a talk telling the audience how friends insisted that he enter the race and how finally he consented to do so. His account of early days in Box Butte county was highly interesting.

Fred Mollring was the last to speak and pledged himself, if elected county treasurer, to handle the funds of the county in a safe and business-like manner. A musical program was interposed during the evening's speaking. Miss Kate Kniest pleased with two vocal solos and two encores. John Guthrie delivered two solos in his usual delightful manner. Miss Hanna Kniest provided the piano accompaniment.

Following the evening's program the local committee served sandwiches, coffee and cigars.

AGED MOTHER OF ALLIANCE WOMAN CALLED TO THE BEYOND

Mrs. R. McGuire, aged mother of Mrs. J. B. Kniest, passed away at her home in Waterloo, Iowa, Saturday afternoon. She was seventy years old. Advanced age was the cause of her death. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at Marshalltown, Iowa, the old family home. Deceased is survived by several children, the husband and two grand children.

Patterson Got Good Price

W. F. Patterson shipped a carload of hogs to the South Omaha market Saturday night, having them on the market there Monday morning. The hogs, which were fattened on his Box Butte county farm, averaged 173 lbs. in weight and brought \$9.90 per hundred. These were spring pigs, purchased on June 26th from parties in the North Platte valley. They averaged 60 pounds in weight when he bought them. Mr. Patterson returned to Alliance Wednesday morning. While he was in Omaha a political poll was taken on the Omaha Board of Trade. The vote was 45 for Wilson and 25 for Hughes with 7 or 8 stating that they "would vote for the right man."

SOME WRESTLING MATCH ON MONDAY NIGHT

Mighty Leslie M. Shaw Wrestled with Democratic Record and Goes to Mat after Lengthy Tussle

(By The Herald's sporting editor, without apologies to "Peep Sites") The wrestling contest staged at the opera house Monday evening, between the Hon. Leslie M. Shaw and the Democratic record was a show well worth attending. It must be said of Shaw that if words were deeds he would be a mighty man, but unfortunately for him and fortunately for us, his record is behind him and he is now devoting his attention to the promotion of Iowa railroads, and to providing entertainment to people who are induced to come because of his former reputation.

The scene for the wrestling match was well staged. The mat was made from recent issues of The Alliance Times which proved very soft and mushy as well as mucky, so that when the Hon. Shaw was carried from the ring by his crestfallen supporters, it was necessary to get mud hooks.

Our old friend B. S., beg pardon, we mean Big Ben, acted as stakeholder for the match. Experience undoubtedly proved useful here also. The gate receipts consisted of one glad smile—going in—and one big frown—coming out. These were not collected.

The timekeeper for the match was Mr. Waltermetz, who used a Big Ben clock for correct time. The jingling noise frequently heard from this corner, however, was not made by the clock but by the clinking coins sent out from the money centers of New York for use in Box Butte and environs, writing letters to the farmers—particularly Philip Zobel.

The referee for the match was of international fame—Mr. Monte, beg pardon, we mean Mr. Hargraves, rocking chair-man of the county central committee. And last but not least, a prominent figure on the scene, was the "millionaire candidate", Mr. William Hawper, who acted as sekund for the Mr. Shaw, and who frequently hung the muddy towel on the Burning Bush to dry.

Time, 8:15 p. m. Klink, Klink. Out steps Mr. Shaw, deeply impressed with his own greatness. Paws, Shakes fist at his opponent, Mr. Democratic Record. "Ahem, ahem, ahem, Gentlemen and railroad men, I have come here tonight from Iowa, dear old Iowa—no, beg pardon, Wall Street, dear old Wall Street, to tell you that the future of the United States depends upon the Republican party. During the last few years, fore by number, our country has gone to the dogs. I and ure children are starving in rags. England is now supporting her armies and her laborers and when the great war is ended these hungry people will come over the sea in autos, on foot and in the Deutschland, and eat U. P. I. (paws), I, I have come to Alliance to save your sinners (Democrats) and to call you to repentance. (Sure, how else can the Repubs get the jobs unless some of the Democrats vote for Hoose.)

"President Wilson"—(here the speaker's voice was drowned by the great outburst of applause at the mention of the name of the president) and he tried another tack. "The eight-hour railroad law is class legislation, it is not worth the paper it is written on. When the people of the United States allow themselves to be held up by 400,000 of these men, who attempt to dictate to the other 99,600,000 people of this country, it is time to call a halt." Here the speaker pawed for applause but found that he had made a mistake, yes a horrible, horrible error, for he was talking to railroad men and to people who know that the railroad men were sincere in their demands for the eight-hour day. "Open a window," he cried as he rubbed his shiny dome and patted his chest in a reassuring way. "The hot air seems to be returning back to me like a boomerang and I am almost suffocated. I have talked too long on this subject anyhow." "Yes, yes," said someone in the audience, "you have." At which the audience broke into applause.

Turning to those about him, the wrestler, beg pardon, we mean the speaker, addressed himself to Mr. Hawper. "How do you stand on the eight-hour question? How do you stand on the wet and dry proposition? How do you stand on the issues of the day which affect the people of western Nebraska?" As the candidate squirmed and adged at the back of the hall was heard to answer for him, "I prefer not to take any sides on these questions, I might not be elected if I did." And then the bell rang, "klink, klink."

And so the match continued. Occasionally a witty sally by the sneaker brought forth laughter but only when it was foreign to politics and the latter part of the speech contained but little about politics, for old Democratic Record and President Wilson are mighty popular in Alliance just about election time. Old Democratic Record stood his ground. If the Republicans will get about one more speaker from Wall Street there will be no doubt about an overwhelming majority in Box Butte county for Wilson.

STORK PAYS VISIT TO BURLINGTON TRAIN

Mother and Baby Girl Brought to Alliance for Cars—Had but \$1—Passengers Raised \$20

This is a day of specials. Every little while there are reports of a special train for this purpose or that purpose, but it is indeed seldom that a genuine "stork special" is heard of. Yet that is what No. 42 on the C. B. & Q. Friday morning proved to be, for on this train a baby girl was born to Mrs. Myron Martin of Livingstone, Mont.

Mrs. Martin had received a message from Topeka, Kansas, stating that her mother was dying at that place, and to come at once. Never thinking but what she could make the trip safely, Mrs. Martin made immediate preparations to go to Topeka and after buying her ticket had only \$1 left. She was so excited and in such a hurry to get to the bedside of her dying mother that she thought nothing of financial affairs.

The baby was born before reaching Crawford and while the train waited there a physician was secured and with the help of a nurse on the same train the mother was put in shape to come on to Alliance. Upon reaching this city she was taken to the home of Mrs. John Reardon, where she is at the present time. Mrs. Reardon is a nurse affiliated with St. Joseph's hospital here. The nurse on the train occupied the seat just in front of Mrs. Martin and it was to her that Mrs. Martin first told her condition.

On learning that the mother had but \$1 of this world's goods in her purse the kind-hearted passengers in the car made up a purse of some \$20 and presented it to her. This is all the woman has. Mrs. Martin is accompanied by her little fifteen-month-old boy.

Mrs. Martin and the baby girl are both getting along fine and Tuesday she received a letter stating that her mother, in Topeka, is considerably improved. She expects to leave Alliance Monday for Topeka.

"CURSED" THE JUDGE; GOT FIFTEEN DAYS

Costs Crawford Man Better than \$1 Word for "Speaking His Mind" to Municipal Judge Roberts

It doesn't pay to "cuss" a police magistrate, according to Albert Hertline of Crawford, who is serving a fifteen-day sentence in the city jail as the result of an encounter with Municipal Judge Roberts.

Hertline came here from Crawford, Thursday he imbibed too freely in certain liquid refreshment, then started something at the Last Chance saloon and Thursday evening was thrown out. Eventually the police introduced themselves to him and he was invited to partake of the board and lodging provided by the city.

Judge Roberts had occasion to go past the "cooler" to look after the furnace when he was confronted with as choice a collection of profane English as anyone could hope to hear. When Hertline appeared in court he was fined \$25 and sent, or fifteen days in jail, and put to work shoveling snow from the walk and crossings.

See the announcement elsewhere about the visit of W. J. Bryan to Alliance, where he will speak at 11 a. m., Friday, November 3.

PRIZE WINNERS IN ESSAY WRITING CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The Box Butte County Dry Federation announces the prize winners in its essay writing contest, the subject being, "Why Should Nebraska Go Dry." The judges after a careful perusal of all the essays submitted, announce the following prize winners: First class, 7th and 8th grades—1st prize, Ruth Muirhead, 8th grade, Hemingford, \$5 2-4 per cent, \$5. 2d prize, Elsie Simpson, 8th grade, Alliance, \$1 3-4 per cent, \$2. Second class, all below 7th grade—1st prize, Vivian Gilmore, 5th grade, Dist. No. 11, \$6 3-4 per cent, \$5. 2nd prize, Edward Kusella, 6th grade, Hemingford, \$2 1-4 per cent, \$3.

The judges, Rev. Layton, Mrs. J. E. Vance, and Miss Mabel Young, recommended that Miss Mary Wilson, a fourth-grade girl of the Emerson school, be given honorable mention for having submitted a essay almost as good as Edward Kusella's. She was given a percentage of 80, and her essay, with those of the above-mentioned four, will be published.